



## L&I's 2003 Performance Agreement Framing – Reducing Injuries

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In July 2001 L&I launched a program to bring all residential wood framers in compliance with laws on workplace safety. The goal was to reduce eye injuries and fall injuries in the industry by 15 percent. To achieve this, we contacted 2.7 times the normal number of framers and identified 2.6 times the typical number of serious hazards. As a result, fall injuries were down 20% and eye injuries were down 29% last year. This year we set a goal to reduce the rate of all injuries in the framing industry.

### What is the Target?

The target on the 2003 L&I Performance Agreement Scorecard is to reduce the overall injury rate in residential wood framing.

### What are the results? ●

Our target for the second quarter was to reduce the number of fall-related and eye injuries by 15%. While the number of eye injuries declined 43% compared to baseline, the number of fall-related injuries declined only 10%.

For the past two quarters we have not achieved the goal to reduce fall-related injuries. The number of fall-related injuries is relatively small. For example, in the first quarter we hoped to see only 115 injuries, down from 135 in the baseline period. In fact, there were 117 injuries, which equates to a 12% reduction. This quarter we missed the target by 8 injuries resulting in a 10% reduction.

We have seen a significant reduction in eye related injuries and expect that pace to continue.

### What's next?

In the third quarter, we are shifting our goal from a focus on the number of eye and fall injuries to reducing the rate of all injuries in framing by 15% target. To achieve the target we will:

- Increase emphasis on fall hazards and provide the Ladder Safety Self-Inspection Guide to employers during inspections.
- Form more partnerships with construction associations to implement effective injury reduction strategies.
- Continue using inspection "sweeps" – bringing all inspectors into a specific geographic area to inspect all sites found.
- Increase efforts with General Contractors to ensure compliance of sub-contractors.
- Identify and appropriately penalize employers who are repeatedly found to be out of compliance.
- Pilot partnerships with local building officials to increase their awareness of the hazards and causes of injuries to help make workplaces safer.

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